THE RED LANE

clair's stone house.

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A Romance of the Border

READ THIS FIRST

Vetal Beaulieu keeps an inn on Maine-Canadian border and exters to smugglers. His daughter, Evangeline educated in a convent. home unexpectedly, rebels against the nature of his business, refuses to marry the man. David Roi, a smuggler, whom her father has chosen for her, and leaves home eacher in a "Yankee school" Attegat. Norman Aldrich, a "Yan-kee" customs officer, meets Evange-line, falls in love with her and they become engaged. Roi finds Evange-line at Attegat, demands that she return home with him, and when she refuses he intrigues with Louis Blais, an attorney of Attegat, to assist him in capturing her. Rol returns to Vetal Beaulieu and goads im into a determination to Evangeline to return home. Reau-lieu and Roi together set out for Attegat, meet Blais and a number of Roi's confederates at an inn on the way, where Fiddler Billedeau and others are spending the night. Next day Beaulieu and company proceed to Attegat. Aldrich while riding the border, learns of Beaulieu's plans from Fiddler Billedeau, drops his work, and proceeds to Attegat to defend Evangeline. Arriving at Attegat at midnight, be learns that already Evangeline has been spirited away. Aldrich goes after them, and gets the girl.

AND THEN READ THIS

THEY bolted, and on their heels he swung his new mount and caught up the girl. She clung to him, and, as he started away, he imitated the shrill call with which the gaunt man had apostrophized the hounds. He had given their owner his man's pledge. He did not forget the dogs! His own horse was cantering beside him. whickering plaintive assurance of loy-

"My darling!" he gasped. "Hold tight! We're safe." But at that moment he felt the thud of a bullet against flesh and bone of the horse between his knees. The crack of a rifle came to his ears an instant later. Some one had fired from the house. In spite of his desperate effort to save the fall, he and his burden rolled upon the turf of the yard when the horse went down. But that whicker of loyal pledge had meant something. When Aldrich came to his feet his own horse had halted. The girl was on her knees now. His temples cracking with the effort, he tossed her into the saddle.

Once more he unslung his rifle. That bullet had declared their code of con-

"Go on! Hurry on!" he commanded the girl. "Cling to his mane. For God's sake hold tight! Go on!" Then he began to fire.

He did not take aim. He clutched his rifle and pumped the lever, cursling them, threatening them. He did not know whether they fired again. He could not hear. The hounds went racing past, and he turned and ran after them. When he overtook the horse, he grasped the saddle and forced the animal into a trot by slaps and adjurations. He did not dare to task the horse by mounting. 'The But no man on foot could overtake counsel and make you safe." them, for Aldrich, clinging to the pace. When he could run no longer, of the tiny gable, his heart seemed bursting and "A poor little girl who seek were set about it, he drew the loose will all be told to you."

will run beside you."

breath for words.

The tumult at the foot of the hill was making its retreat from the his pearl," he answered.

At last Aldrich pulled his horse tenderly and regretfully. to a standstill. He listened. There panting of the hounds at his feet, the wicked men." rustling of the night breeze in the trees above their heads, faint shrilling had gone. of insects in the wayside grasses- He paced to and fro before the stone there was no more ominous sound house until the light in the chamber

Now and then he hurried the horse eyeing this new master wistfully. d ran until fatigue mastered him.

they went on through the night, toward Attegat.

When the horse walked, Evangeline sed her lover's face with trem ling palm, and dared once to lean and des his forehead. And once he stopped the horse and pulled her down on his breast and put into an em race all the passionate longing of is love and all the delirious thanks ing of his soul.

"Oh, my father! My father!" she ed, at last. "I went out to him love in my heart, Norman, for old me that he had come to be od father-he asked me to go him to Pere Leclair's, where he d confess his sins and make his Oh, Holy Mother! have pity

d him the pitiful story of how been carried away, her hand amothering her cries as

that words availed little. But in tell house. But the tavern-keeper of At very serious. There were shots. It daughter and help a renegade to ruin ing her of his love he was more elo- tegat was astir, for one must be early was battle, eh?"

quent. He forgot his weariness as he at work around a tavern. plodded on. Her hands were in his. and, when he drew her down to him. "Take those dogs to the stable along her lips pressed his with the arder of with the horse," directed Aldrich, to The priest was regarding the officer a love which had been hallowed by whom the landlord had bowed respect- with earnestness and some curiosity. might try to dissuade him, he slapped the gratitude of a woman saved from fully and cordially, recognizing a reg. Aldrich wore a riding suit of gray his horse and rode away, his eyes caworse than death by him that night. ular guest. "And look, Lajeunesse! So, although the first faint streaks Give them right now the best meal a badged cap. So, although the first faint streams of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the dawn were in the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the skies when dog ever ate. Dip deep in your ice of the the warmth of it flooded his breast and in the shop."

He gazed into their upraised eyes dow where the curtain was drawn. He eased her from the tired horse affectionately,

and rapped upon the door of Pere Le- "I'm sorry that man's generosity her again, but-" can't do more for a dog!"

fired to keep them back. I fired high of both of us. I'm going to make him -at random.

tweed, and a felt hat had replaced his

He glanced in his turn at the win-

"I do not think they will disturb

"She shall stay with Mother Bissette



He clutched his rifle and pumped the lever

palpitating flanks under his paim est. They will not dare to disturb and patted each on the head.

were dim and his throat was ary, father. It is Evangeline Beau- "There's blood on your face-and constricted as though an iron band lieu. She has been in sad trouble. It by the looks there might have been clinched his fist slowly.

voice. She was imploring, protest- raised to his, her face lighted by the to 'em, eh?" first rays of the gray dawn. And when "I will not ride longer, Norman, My they heard shuffling slippers in the to enter the tavern. "They were trylover, my sweetheart, I will not ride, hall and Father Leclair's anxious hall ing to run something more precious You are suffering. I am strong. I to his old housekeeper, she put her arms around her lover's neck, drew

her. He had taken her hands in his "I have said no words of thanks own, and now he walked beside the to you, my precious knight, my lord." horse, holding them, pressing them, she said. "I'll not profane a great trying to tell her his joy and his love deed with words. I'll live a life of in that fashion, for he had yet no thanks to you, of devotion. For 1 love you!" Her tones thrilled.

"Darling, a pearl of great price does either had called in the picket or had not need to thank the man who is on a vine. You see, even I tiptoe across love his daughter. The thing must be sent him scurrying away in flight. He happy enough to possess it, if that did not molest the little party which man follows a thief who has stolen doors. Sleep will do much for her, Ah, The priest shock his head. "You

Then he gave her into the care of the good father, releasing her hands

"It shall be told to you tomorrow, was no sound behind them. The Pere Leclair. It is a bad story about

He kissed the closed door after she

He bubbled to her incoherently as her had been snuffed out. The patient

They followed at his heels when he but I think you saw it there yourself, strength, good father. I may be imhe feared mischief might come trudged away down the village street. my son, before you parted from her, prudent in what I am going to do,

"They will not find you here, dear | He went along the line of hounds until there is less riot-less reckless-

ing the landlord's curious scrutiny. "If under the roof of the stone hour ly wasn't so dead tired I'd stay up and I wasn't so dead tired I'd stay up and dare!"

Aldrich had placed his horse across the narrow road.

Why are you holding me up here?" affair but—oh, well, I'm Hazelbrook wanted to saddle, was dragged along at a nimble the good priest, his face at the window ing the landlord's curious scrutiny. "If under the roof of the stone house, dressing a court,

some in your eye, awhile back this "I have grabbed upon a thistle-Until the priest came to open the night," observed Napoleon Lajeunesse. I am going to crush it, Father Leclair. Then he realized that a sound he door Aldrich stood with the girl folded "You have catch some pretty bad That is why I am riding on my own had been hearing was Evangeline's in his arms, looking into the eyes she smugglers, hey? You take the dogs business. I am going to clear this

"Yes," smiled Aldich, as he turned on it."

toeing across the crumbly earth.

morning as carefully as a caterpillar that I have an honest man's right to the ground outside as I tiptoed in settled, Father Leclair."

a heroine's spirit." "You should have seen her when I into trouble, my son." found her, good father! All the rest "And yet," insisted Aldrich, "to leave

"They will not find you here, dear and patted each on the head.

"Good boys!" he declared, and his house, and hank now man on foot could overtake hem, for Aldrich, clinging to the "Who is below?" asked the voice broke with weariness and thank-dade, was dragged along at a nimble the good priest, his face at the window addle, was dragged along at a nimble to the property of the stone house.

"They will not find you here, dear the went along the line of hounds and patted each on the head.

"Good boys!" he declared and his priest, with declared with the usual should be and soon I was sitting before an open wood fire, laving the time of my young life. I couldn't help feeling to the work with weariness and thank-full be safe with weariness and thank-full be safe with all the venom that was in him; he refrained with the usual double to caution of Louis Blais when he found himself to disturb and soon I was sitting before an open wood fire, laving the time of my young life. I couldn't help feeling the first of the were at his house, and soon I was sitting before an open wood fire, laving the time of hounds in him; he refrained with the usual double. The went along the ine of hounds and patted each on the bedience. They will not dare to disturb and soon I was sitting before an open wood fire, laving the time of house.

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matter up, now that I have started in

Pere Leclair peered up at him uneasily from under the brim of his

the priest left his beets and came tip- pose to have her tortured every hour of the day by anxiety-her nights full "Is she still asleep, Father Leclair?" of fear. For myself, I don't intend to "Yes, my son. Mother Bissette has skulk. So I'm going to hunt up Vetal been crawling about the house all Beaulieu and make him understand

my son, she is a brave girl! She has have a young man's impatience; as

of the horrible business of last night this hanging as it is in intolerable. is pretty much nightmare. I came There can be no comfort for poor out of it as one wakes up from a bad Evangeline nor peace of mind for me dream. It has steadled me, remember- until I have seen Vetal Beaulieu. No. Pere Leclair, I do not know what I'm The priest glanced furtively at a going to say to him," he cried, replywhere the old housekeeper had led curtained window in the stone house. ing to a look in the priest's eyes, "But "It was all very brave. It was like after what happened last night I'm he marched on, and she answered horse waited his weary head hanging a page from a romance. She told me, certain that my love for Evangeline through sobs of thankful happiness. in slumber. The dogs sat in a circle and there was a wonderful light in her will give me a tongue, at least; it has eyes when she talked of what you did, already given me courage and ddenly from that silence behind All was still about Notary Gendreau's Yes, it was all very brave, but it is But yesterday I came near wrecking

my life and hers, too, by being too prudent. I swore that after this I would go straight to a thing and gallop hard. So I'm going to Vetal Beaulieu. These are not the sort of days when a man can persecute his own her. Tell her. Father Leclair, that I "I had no other way out of it. I have gone to her father for the sake understand."

As though he feared that the priest ressing the curtained window until he had turned the corner of the house.

ing along its shady stretches. The at his back, and determination was in his heart. His face was haggard. in his heart. His face was haggard, better keep away from him, Prince Bon-for he had slept but little. Impatience nie B'us Bell."

had driven him early from his bed at "My queen is in danger; I shall fight seen him last, resolved to follow along his trail until he could meet him face to face, under the frank sunshine, for a man's talle.

Suddenly he met Attorney Louis

"I haven't any information for you about Mr. Beaulieu or any one else," returned the surly lawyer. To cover other emotions he assumed an air and a tone of unnatural dignity. He talked

at one of unnatural dignity. He taiked like one reciting from a text-book.

"You will remember that I found you playing a strong part in a vile plot last night, sir. You'd better be civil.
There is a bar association in this county, and decent lawyers won't stand for abduction."

"Look here! I was invited to perform a civil marriage. The license had been procured. The only surviving parent of the young lady was interrupted by a person who had not the least right to interested in the improvements we've made in the delivery department. Do you remember the day I was inverted to give her away. The affair was interrupted by a person who had not the least right to interefere. It has now proposes to make talk about the thing he'll show at talk about he has just as much reason to keep still as the aggrieved and injured parties." Blais delivered this angrily.
"I have important business with Basulan. I say you'd letter tell me.
"The comparish thing is." he went.

the intention," stated the atterney, with stiff insolence, going as far as he dared with this young man of the haggard face and the burning eyes, "I shall keep my mouth closed." His business, as Mr. Duke said. That man is business, as Mr. Duke said. That man is lips worked, however, and it was plan that he wanted to curse this hateful adversary with all the venom that was in him to belo me."

By this time we were at his house,

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"The TRAIL OF VETAL BEAULIEU

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DREAM LAND ADVENTURES -- By Daddy "THE CAPTIVE QUEEN"

(Queen Flora is held captive in a fountain, the source of which is guarded by a serpent.)

THE DRAGON FLYS

WHIR-R-R-R-P. buzzed the snake threateningly.

"Eat 'em up, my raging dragon!" shouted Count Weedy from the bluff.

"It isn't a dragen; it hasn't wings," retorted Peggy, indignant at the efforts of the rascally eff to scare them by persending that the rattler was a

to the north. He sent his horse canter-fly at you." answered Count Weedy.

"A rattlesnake is bad enough in itsun was overhead, and his rifle was self without having wings," muttered at his back, and determination was Billy Belgium. "Its poison is worse than the flery breath of a dragon. You'd

had driven him early from his bed at the tavern. He felt that it was his duty to roll the burden of fear from the girl's breast. He sought Vetal Beaulieu at the place where he had seen him last, resolved to follow along rattler.

"My queen is in danger; I shall fight for her until my last breath." declared Prince Bonnia Blue Bell. He picked up a stick for a weapon and took the tin lid of a park refuse can to use as a shield. Thus armed, he sa'uted Queen Flora and turned bravely to face the rattler. The rattler flattened down for an instant and then its spring-like coils shot its body forward in a lightning-like attack. Prince Bonnie Blue Bell. He picked up a stick for a weapon and took the tin lid of a park refuse can to use as a shield. Thus armed, he saluted Queen Flora and turned bravely to face the rattler.

"No, no! It will soon be over with me; save yourself," cried the exhausted Queen of the Wild Flowers as the fountain streams unceasingly tossed her back and forth.

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"The rattler flattened down for an instant and then its spring-like coils shot its body forward in a lightning-like acis shout take. Prince Bonnie Blue Bell was ready for it. He thrust forward his shield and bang went the snake's head and body agafnst the hard tin.

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Rang! it crashed into the shield

The rattler flattened down for an in-

sharp cut from his stick. Try as it would, the rattler could not reach the Prince with its poisonous fangs. On the other hand, the Prince could not deal a finishing blow with his light

stick.

Count Weedy, not content to see a fair fight between the Prince and the dragon, began to hur! balls of burrs into the Prince's face. One of these balls stuck in the Prince's hair and blinded him. The snake, seeing this, colled for another attack.

Back, back, brave Prince!" cried Queen Flora. But the blinded Prince dared not move. At that inflant what looked like a long, thin snake shot out from Billy's hand and settled over Prince from Billy's hand and settled over Prince Bonnie Blue Bell's shoulders. It was the clothesline lasso again. With a jerk

Billy pulled the Prince back to safety just as the snake struck. But the Prince was not through fighting. He tore the burrs from his hair, seized a larger club and, not waiting to pick up his shield, darted forward to meet the snake again. And the rattler, coiling quickly, was ready for the

"He will be killed!" screamed Peggy. Again Billy's cicthesline flew out. This time the noose sped past Prince Bonnie Blue Bell and settled over the Suddenly he met Attorney Louis Blais on the narrow road. That participant in the affair of the evening before was riding a horse whose galled straight for the rattler.

"Uning live Queen F'ora!" shouted Prince Bonnie Blue Bell, and he made straight for the rattler.

"Whir-r-r-r-t-!" was the angry replies ugly head free back menactustomed to the plow than the saddle. Blais was sullen and uneasy when aldrich halted him. He had not recognized the officer until they were almost side by side.

"Which way did Vetal Beaulieu gothis morning, Mr. Blais?" inquired Aldrich, curtly and with the authority Aldrich, curtly and with the authority and with the authority of the sundance of the plow that the straight for the rattler.

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The rattler coiled to strike again. The swaying head of the rattler. A jerk and it was tight. Another jerk and the rattler was out of its coil. The rattler

BRUNO DUKE

Solver of Business Problems By HAROLD WHITEHEAD

mighty poor judgment. How will that talk sound? He ought to realize that I remembered the incident quite well,

Beaulieu. I say, you'd better tell me which way he went."

"Not desiring to be a party to the assassination of Mr. Beaulieu by a person who seems to have motive and beauty to have motive and seems to have motive and bush in the last three years. And now! Why we are astonished when anything

I was looked upon as a minor wonder.

Aldrich had placed his horse across of course. Bruno Duke is the whole

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carefully Abbey, the new shipping-room manager, has trained the men to observe. The big surprise, though, was when I went on a team.

TODAY'S BUSINESS QUESTION What is N. O. S.f. Answer will appear tomorrow ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S BUSI-NESS QUESTION

suer readers' business questions on buy-ing, selling, advertising and employment.

not if a woman. Why? H. H.

For some reason or other men are supposed to arrive at a decision by logic, while women arrive at it by intuition. Like many others of these accepted statements, it contains a little truth and a lot of abuse.

Now to be more specific. If you want to hold an executive position you've got to have the knowledge and ability requisite for it. You might study accounting, commercial law, economics and allied subjects and become the executive secretary of a corporation.

If you attend some university of high

NESS QUESTION

O. R. Rel. is "Released at Owner's Risk.

In this space Mr. Whitehead will another readers' business questions on buying, selling, advertising and employment.

Business Questions Answered
May I bother you with my problem? Where and how do women get in touch the property of high repute they will not only give you this information, but help you to market it. Another good field for women today is that of employment manager and welfare work. To do that you will have to study labor problems, economics, vocational analysis and kindred topics.

One reason why women frequently can't get the same pay as men is that they will "foolishly" (7) go and get married, while a man is usually a persmanent fixture.

THE DAILY NOVELETTE BETTER THAN GOLD

By Gladys Plummer

come in. It was Tim.

"Mother!"

She sat white and still, clutching the arms of her chair.

"It's me, mother, Timothy. I've been near drowned, but the Lord has brought me safely back. I guess you've been praying for me, mother."

When Marcia, hearing volces in the room below, came down stairs Tim was kneeling by his mother's chair and her arms were about him, while the tears were running down her cheeks.

"Tim has come back." she cried. "Tim has come back."

This was the meeting he had looked forward to—the joy he had so nearly missed. In the presence of the solemn realities of life he had forgotten all about his lost go'd. It was quite an inferior matter, after all.

If he had met with failure instead of success it would have made no difference with his welcome.

There are divine heights in the humblest hearts which no worldiy success can affect; there is a simple, homely ireasure which is better than gold.







